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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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EXAMINING GROUP 3600

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: D. Foote et al. Attorney Docket No.: LAMA122071
Application No.: 10/723,846 Group Art Unit: 3676
Filed: November 26, 2003 Examiner: V. A. Patel
Title: SEAL CONFIGURATION TO REDUCE SEAL EXTRUSION

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Seattle, Washington 98101

May 11, 2005

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Responding to the final Office Action mailed February 18, 2005, applicants respectfully request amendment and allowance of the above-identified application.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid For | | Present Extra | | Rate | | Additional Fee |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------|---|------------------|---|------|---|-------------------|
| Total Claims | 1 | Minus | 20 | = | 0 | x | 25 | = | 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | Minus | 3 | = | 0 | x | 100 | = | 0.00 |
| Total Additional Fee for this Amendment | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 |

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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